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## Numbering Ocean Bills of Lading

#### I General

A. In order to provide a control over the ocean bills of lading sent to the Program Accounting Section, Finance Division, in New York, the procedure outlined herein becomes effective immediately for Outport Offices.

### II Assignment of Numbers

- A. Ocean bills of lading shall be numbered in sequence as received by the Outport Offices and the number assigned prefixed by the month number. For example:
  - The first ocean bill of lading received in January would be numbered 1 - 1 and the second 1 - 2, etc. through the remainder of the month.
  - 2. Numbers assigned to ocean ladings shall be recorded in the lower left hand corner of the form.

# III Report on Numbers Assigned

- A. At the end of each month, a report shall be made to the Program Accounting Section, Finance Division, in New York, on the total numbers issued during the month.
  - 1. The Program Accounting Section will establish a numerical register for each Outport Office and record the date each ocean lading is received.

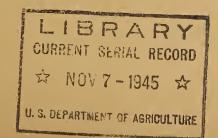
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